



Central Hudson Valley Chapter
of the
**American Guild of
Organists**

Newsletter – July 2011

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Letter from the Dean

Dear Colleagues,

I just had a most extraordinary week in Tennessee visiting my adopted twin grandchildren for the first time. My head is still spinning!

Our workshop with Jonathan Hall was very informative and helpful. We had a good turnout of almost 20 people so it was obviously a topic everyone was interested in.

Hopefully you are slowing down a bit for the summer and thinking of picnics – like the chapter picnic on July 17th at the home of Eric Hepp at 24 Lor Mar Court in Wappingers Falls. We will begin at 3:00 PM. The meat for grilling will be furnished but we each need to

bring something to contribute - a salad or dessert would be great. If you have any questions please call Eric at 845-790-3381. I do hope you will take advantage of this opportunity to come and socialize with your colleagues. It's one of the few opportunities we have to get together and just be friends.

Grace Haack and I are heading off to Morristown, New Jersey next week for the AGO Regional Convention. Such gatherings are always enjoyable (lots of concerts) and helpful (workshops and anthem reading sessions). Come to the picnic and ask us about it!

I hope you will each have time to get away and do something different this summer. Then when you return everything will seem fresh and you'll (hopefully) be ready to delve into your music again.

See you at the picnic!



Beverly Simmons, SPC
Dean, Central Hudson Valley AGO

Directions to Eric Hepp's House:

Southbound from Mid-Hudson Bridge:

Take Rte 9 South for 9 miles, past IBM, shopping malls, and car dealers. Move to the left lane when you get to Home Depot. Turn LEFT (East) onto CR-93 [MYERS CORNERS RD] and proceed for 2.8 miles. Turn LEFT (North) onto LOR-MAR COURT FOR 0.1 mile. Eric's house is on the right.

Northbound from Newburgh-Beacon Bridge:

Take NY Rte-9D North for 5.8 miles. Turn RIGHT (West) onto CR-93 [MIDDLEBUSH ROAD, which becomes MYERS CORNERS RD at ROUTE 9] and proceed for 3.6 miles. Turn LEFT (North) onto LOR-MAR COURT FOR 0.1 mile. Eric's house is on the right.

List of Organ Teachers

The following chapter members have indicated that they are accepting new organ students. We are in the process of soliciting brief biographies from each of them, which will be posted on our web site as they are received. Please contact the teachers directly if you would like more information.

Gregory Citarella	845-297-7693	Janet Nelson Nickerson	845-561-0763
Donald Filkins	845-518-2991	Beverly Simmons	845-463-1249
Peter Hall	845-343-4995	Charles Surber	845-544-2782
Larry Hazard	845-452-0119		

List of Organ Substitutes

The following chapter members have indicated that they will serve as substitute organists. Please contact them directly if you would like more information.

Denise Bassen	845-226-1564	<u>No Sunday Morning Services:</u>	
Barbara Bayers	203-260-4295	Maris Kristapsons	
Joe Bertolozzi	845-831-0695	(no weddings)	845-635-8837
Robert D. Brown	845-485-1597	Beverly Simmons	845-463-1249
Nickie Collins	845-462-2240	<u>For Weddings and Funerals Only:</u>	
Richard C. Ehlenberg	845-658-9746	Alice Cann	845-223-5344
Christopher Fasulo	646-342-4836	Greg Citarella	845-297-7693
Larry Hazard	845-452-0119	Eric Hepp (no weekday funerals)	
Susan LaGrande	845-226-6496		845-489-2625
Susan MacNish	845-635-3814	Charles Surber (no weddings)	
Janet Nickerson	845-561-0763		845-544-2782
Joanne Reed	845-361-3474		
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Deadline for Next Newsletter

We are always glad to receive input for the chapter newsletter in the form of calendar items, reviews of recent concerts and events, biographies, letters, photographs, etc. In order to make sure these submissions can be processed in a timely fashion, please make sure they are received by the 23rd of each month. However, material such as calendar items may be submitted at any time; even if the material may not make it into the printed newsletter, it can be quickly posted on our web site at www.chvago.org.

You may submit newsletter or web site material by mail, e-mail, fax or phone. Just contact the editor, Susan LaGrande, using the information given above. Remember, the deadline for the next printed newsletter, to be available the first week in August, is July 23rd.

Editor's Corner

This newsletter is published by the Central Hudson Valley Chapter of the American Guild of Organists. The editor is:

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Position Openings

Position openings are listed without charge for three months unless an extension is requested. If you would like to place a listing, please contact the editor, Susan LaGrande, at 845-226-6496.

Editor's Note – Due to space considerations, older position openings may include only the type of position and hiring institution. Complete information about positions is available on our web site at www.chvago.org, or contact the editor, Susan LaGrande, at 845-226-6496.

ORGANIST/CHOIR DIRECTOR - (Part-Time)

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF HAMPTONBURGH - CAMPBELL HALL, NY

This small congregation seeks an organist and choir director for one Sunday service at 10:00 AM. Competent 7-member choir (inactive during summer months) rehearses midweek and warms up on Sunday morning. The old pipe organ (2 manual & pedal, 11 ranks, timed keyboard) has been well-maintained and was rebuilt by Gary Ferguson in 1987. There is also a piano in the sanctuary. Currently paying \$75/week. Contact: The Rev. Gary Fox, First Presbyterian Church of Hamptonburgh, 2815 Rte 207, Campbell Hall, NY 10916 - 845-427-2864. 6-18-2011

DIRECTOR OF MUSIC MINISTRIES - (Part-Time)

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (HILLTOP) - MENDHAM, NJ

The First Presbyterian Church (Hilltop) in Mendham, NJ is seeking a Director of Music Ministries beginning in September 2011. This is a part-time position which entails developing, coordinating, and administering effective, vibrant, and comprehensive music ministry programs. All staff members at Hilltop Church are encouraged to seek first the Kingdom of God in their personal lives, and to allow God's will and presence to guide and inspire their ministry and calling at Hilltop Church. The Director of Music Ministries position, paid according to AGO guidelines, is expected to be a minimum of 15 hours per week. Although higher levels of education and experience are welcomed, the minimum experience considered for this position is a Bachelor's degree in music and three years of church experience as a music director. The position includes responsibility for playing and directing all music at worship services and special services and directing the adult sanctuary choir, which entails music selection, onsite rehearsals, and presentation of music in worship. Other responsibilities include the direction of the children's choirs, the adult bell choir, and other music ensembles. Sunday morning worship services and children's choir rehearsals require the Director to be on site from approximately 8:00 AM to noon. The Sanctuary Choir rehearsals currently take place on Thursday evenings (on site from approximately 7:00 PM to 9:00 PM) and the adult bell choir currently rehearses on Monday evenings (on site from approximately 7:00 PM to 8:00 PM). The remaining time is intended for planning, preparation, and practice.

Hilltop is a growing congregation with a love for great music, a committed choir, and outstanding musical instruments. You can learn more about our music, our organ and other instruments, and the overall ministry of Hilltop Church by visiting us at our [website](http://www.hilltopchurch.org) at <http://www.hilltopchurch.org>. (Just click on the open door to enter the website!)

If you are interested in becoming part of Hilltop's music ministry, please submit your resume by June 4, 2011 to rbheppenstall@gmail.com. All applications will be held in strict confidence. 5/16/2011

Calendar of Events

Please note: Due to space considerations, this Calendar of Events may exclude the following:

- Events taking place outside the area served by the Central Hudson Valley Chapter
- Events which conflict directly with chapter sponsored events

Such events may be listed on the Local Events page of our chapter web site at www.chvago.org.

Events listed in the calendar are not necessarily endorsed by CHVAGO.

Please contact the editor if you have an event to be publicized.

Boxed items are Central Hudson Valley AGO Chapter events. Names listed in bold face are chapter members.

- Monday June 27 through Saturday, July 2, 2011 Organ Historical Society National Convention 2011
Washington, DC. Info and Registration:
<http://www.organsociety.org/2011/welcome.html>
- Wednesday, June 29 through Tuesday, July 5, 2011 American Theatre Organ Society National Convention 2011
Providence, RI. "Chapter One - A New England Theatre Organ Odyssey."
Info and Registration:
http://2011.emcatos.com/2011_ATOS_National_Convention/
- Thursday, June 30, 2011 12:15 PM Uptown Organ Recital Series
Thirty-minute lunchtime organ recital featuring Douglas Kostner,
Organist. Old Dutch Church, located on Main Street between Fair and
Wall Streets in Uptown Kingston, NY. The church is handicapped
accessible. Admission is free. Info: 845-338-6759
- Sunday, July 3 through Wednesday, July 6, 2011 AGO Convention for Regions I & II
Hosted by the Metropolitan New Jersey Chapter in historic Morristown,
New Jersey. Outstanding lineup of events including the following
concerts: Carol Williams performing favorites for July 4; Marilyn Keiser
with the Shanghai Quartet, harp, oboe and flute performing works for
organ and instruments; Eric Plutz; Renée Anne Louprette performing the
Couperin "Mass for the Convents" with a women's chant schola; Thomas
Murray; and Ken Cowan.
- Thursday, July 7, 2011 12:15 PM Uptown Organ Recital Series
Thirty-minute lunchtime organ recital featuring Matthew Jones, Organist.
Old Dutch Church, located on Main Street between Fair and Wall Streets
in Uptown Kingston, NY. The church is handicapped accessible.
Admission is free. Info: 845-338-6759
- Thursday, July 14, 2011 12:15 PM Uptown Organ Recital Series
Thirty-minute lunchtime organ recital featuring David Anderson,
Organist. Old Dutch Church, located on Main Street between Fair and
Wall Streets in Uptown Kingston, NY. The church is handicapped
accessible. Admission is free. Info: 845-338-6759

Sunday, July 17, 2011 3:00 PM Annual Chapter Picnic to be held at the home of **Eric Hepp**, 24 Lor-Mar Court, Wappingers Falls, NY. Info: 845-790-3381. See Dean's Letter for further details..

Thursday, July 21, 2011 12:15 PM Uptown Organ Recital Series Thirty-minute lunchtime organ recital featuring Terry Earles, Organist. Old Dutch Church, located on Main Street between Fair and Wall Streets in Uptown Kingston, NY. The church is handicapped accessible. Admission is free. Info: 845-338-6759

Thursday, July 28, 2011 12:15 PM Uptown Organ Recital Series Thirty-minute lunchtime organ recital featuring Lonnie Kulick, Organist. Old Dutch Church, located on Main Street between Fair and Wall Streets in Uptown Kingston, NY. The church is handicapped accessible. Admission is free. Info: 845-338-6759

Friday, July 29, 2011 7:30 PM Sunset Organ Recital **Gregory Citarella**, Organist. Picnic in the Garden beforehand. St. Nicholas-on-the-Hudson, 37 Point Street, New Hamburg NY. Info: 845-297-2010 (Church) or Gregory Citarella 845-297-7693

Thursday, August 4, 2011 12:15 PM Uptown Organ Recital Series Thirty-minute lunchtime organ recital featuring Justan Foster, Organist. Old Dutch Church, located on Main Street between Fair and Wall Streets in Uptown Kingston, NY. The church is handicapped accessible. Admission is free. Info: 845-338-6759

Thursday, August 11, 2011 12:15 PM Uptown Organ Recital Series Thirty-minute lunchtime organ recital featuring Steven Rosenberry, Organist. Old Dutch Church, located on Main Street between Fair and Wall Streets in Uptown Kingston, NY. The church is handicapped accessible. Admission is free. Info: 845-338-6759

Thursday, August 18, 2011 12:15 PM Uptown Organ Recital Series Thirty-minute lunchtime organ recital featuring Pamela Slater, Organist. Old Dutch Church, located on Main Street between Fair and Wall Streets in Uptown Kingston, NY. The church is handicapped accessible. Admission is free. Info: 845-338-6759

Thursday, August 25, 2011 12:15 PM Uptown Organ Recital Series Thirty-minute lunchtime organ recital featuring Boyd Herforth, Organist. Old Dutch Church, located on Main Street between Fair and Wall Streets in Uptown Kingston, NY. The church is handicapped accessible. Admission is free. Info: 845-338-6759

Friday, August 26, 2011 7:30 PM Sunset Organ Recital **Gregory Citarella**, Organist. Picnic in the Garden beforehand. St. Nicholas-on-the-Hudson, 37 Point Street, New Hamburg NY. Info: 845-297-2010 (Church) or Gregory Citarella 845-297-7693

Thursday,
September 1,
2011
12:15 PM

Uptown Organ Recital Series
Thirty-minute lunchtime organ recital featuring The Rev. Kenneth Walsh, Organist. Old Dutch Church, located on Main Street between Fair and Wall Streets in Uptown Kingston, NY. The church is handicapped accessible. Admission is free. Info: 845-338-6759

Sunday,
September 11,
2011
3:00 PM

Organ Recital by Craig Williams
The Liszt/Wagner Legacy: Celebrating 100 Years of the Cadet Chapel Organ. **Craig Williams** is organist and choirmaster at the Cadet Chapel, West Point. Cadet Chapel, USMA, West Point. Free. Info: contact **Craig Williams** at 845-938-7352 or craig.williams@usma.edu

Sunday,
September 18,
2011
2:30 PM

Memorial for Jay Shupe
Remembering chapter member **Jay Shupe**, who sponsored many organ concerts. Participating Musicians: Paulette Sibert, Soprano; Jim Paradies, Trumpet; **Gregory Citarella**, Organ. Location: First Presbyterian Church, 50 Liberty Street, Beacon, NY 12508. Info: 845-831-5322.

Saturday,
September 24
through
Thursday,
September 29,
2011

American Institute of Organbuilders 38th Annual Convention
Syracuse, NY.

Sunday,
November 13,
2011
4:00 PM

Concert of Patriotic Organ and Choral Music – to honor our Veterans
Christ Episcopal Church, 20 Carroll Street, Poughkeepsie, NY. The concert will include patriotic music played by **Craig Williams** on the newly refurbished Gress-Miles pipe organ; Favorite Hymns of American Presidents; and Patriotic Choral Music sung by a regional massed choir directed by **Laura Ramsey Russell**. To sign up to participate in the choir, please email Laura at LRussell@hvc.rr.com. Freewill donations accepted at the door.

Sunday,
November 20,
2011
3:00 PM

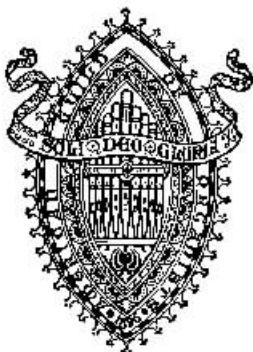
Organ Recital by Felix Hell
Felix Hell, now 26 years old, has for years been acclaimed as a recitalist worldwide. Cadet Chapel, USMA, West Point, NY. Free. Info: contact **Craig Williams** at 845-938-7352 or craig.williams@usma.edu

Sunday,
December 11,
2011
3:30 PM

Tower Music Series presents Dr. John Weaver
Dr. John Weaver has been renowned throughout the organ world as a recitalist for many years. Reformed Church, 70 Hooker Avenue, Poughkeepsie, NY. (Handicapped accessible.) \$10 suggested donation. Info: 845-452-8110.



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